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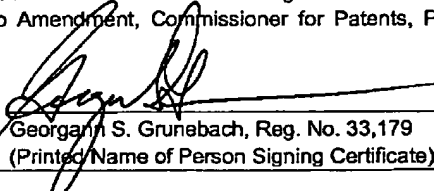
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Please find attached Re:

Serial No.: 10/006,364

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- AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (1 page)
- RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 (10 pages)
- REFERENCE "A Framework for Network Protocol Software" (12 pages)
- REPLACEMENT DRAWING FIGS. 4A AND 4B (2 pages)

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Benn Bollay et al. : Date: December 14, 2005  
 Serial No. 10/006,364 : Group Art Unit: 2667  
 Filed: December 6, 2001 : Examiner: HAMANN, Jordan J.  
 For: VIRTUAL PORT BRIDGE :

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

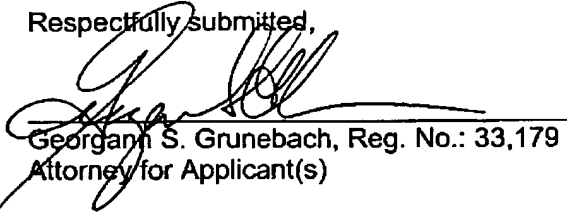
X No additional fee for claims is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	15	minus	19	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$	00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	3	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$	00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 290.00	\$	00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	<u>00.00</u>

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